

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel original Claims 1, 10, and 12.

Claim 13 has been rewritten as an independent claim and amended to include all the limitations of Claim 1. No new matter is added.

Claims 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 20, and 21 have been amended to depend from amended Claim 13. No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 to 3, 7 to 10, 12, and 14 to 21 under U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 1,112,326 and further in view of Zharov (EP 1,029,906), Hart (EP 0001482), and Webb (US 2003/0120005). Independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 10 and 12 are canceled.

The Examiner stated that Claim 13 is allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Original Claim 13 depended from original Claim 1, there were no intervening claims. Amended Claim 13 is rewritten with all the limitations of original Claim 1. Amended Claim 13 is rewritten complying with the Examiner's instructions and, as such, is now in allowable form.

In accordance with the Examiner's instructions, per a telephone conference on October 14, 2008, all remaining uncanceled claims (either currently amended or original) now depend from amended Claim 13: Claims 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 20, and 21 have been amended to depend from amended Claim 13 and original Claims 3, 17, 18, and 19 depend from claims that depend from amended Claim 13.

Original Claims 1, 10, and 12 are now canceled and original Claims 4, 5, 6, 11, and 22 were previously canceled.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of the preceding amendments, Applicant believes currently amended Claims 2, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, and 21 and original Claims 3, 17, 18, and 19 are patentable in full. Accordingly, their reconsideration and allowance at the earliest possible convenience is courteously solicited.

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